

Claims

What is claimed is:

1. A method of manufacturing a component, comprising the steps of:
 - injecting a first material into a mold cavity having a first volume to form a core portion of a component; and
 - injecting a second material into the mold cavity having a second volume different than the first volume to cover a portion of said first material and form a second portion of the component while said first material is in a reactive state, whereby said first material has a different material property characteristic than said second material.
2. The method according to Claim 1, wherein the second material is integrally formed with the first material.
3. The method according to Claim 1, wherein the different material property characteristic comprises a hardness of said first and second materials.
4. The method according to Claim 1, wherein the different material property characteristic comprises a color of said first and second materials.
5. The method according to Claim 1, wherein said first material is made of a plastic material, and wherein said second material is made of a relatively softer plastic material than said first material.
6. The method according to Claim 1, wherein a circuit assembly is attached to said core portion of said component.
7. The method according to Claim 6, wherein said component comprises a switch assembly.

8. The method according to Claim 1, wherein said component comprises a door panel.

9. The method according to Claim 1, further comprising the step of applying a cover over the second material.

10. The method according to Claim 9, wherein the cover include integrally formed identifying markings.